

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1487–1488, and S. Res. 218–220. **Pages S6295–96**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, September 4, during the adjournment:

S. 572, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes. (S. Rept. No. 113–86)

S. 893, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. (S. Rept. No. 113–87)

Report to accompany S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018. (S. Rept. No. 113–88) **Page S6295**

Measures Passed:

Authorize Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Wade v. Miller*, et al. **Page S6299**

Measures Considered:

Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Government of Syria to Respond to Use of Chemical Weapons—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 21, to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria. **Pages S6273–84**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, and the time until 12 p.m., be equally divided and controlled be-

tween the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to ten minutes each. **Page S6299**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 73 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S6284–87, S6300**

Vernon S. Broderick, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S6287, S6300**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—201) **Page S6287**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6300.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Syria from Charles T. Hagel, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Tuesday, September 3, 2013, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authorization of use of force in Syria, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; and Chuck Hagel, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Staff Pentagon, both of the Department of Defense.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Committee concluded a closed hear-

ing to examine the authorization of use of force in Syria, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; and James N. Miller, Under Secretary for Policy, and Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, Director for Operations, Joint Staff Pentagon, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 21, to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3064–3072; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 51; and H. Res. 335–337 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2844, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–189).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013: H.R. 2052, amended, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 32 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 448 and

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Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013: H.R. 2844, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 449.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5416–17 and H5417–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, the following hearing was held:

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Syria: Weighing the Obama Administration's Response". Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary, Department of State; Chuck Hagel, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.